

December 30, 2005

Ref: 3135-23917

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application  
Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A  
**CASTOR FIELD**  
Bienville Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Castor Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create eleven (11) single drilling and production units of approximately 640 acres each for the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the CV RA SUA, CV RA SUB, CV RA SUC, CV RA SUD, CV RA SUE, CV RA SUF, CV RA SUG, CV RA SUH, CV RA SUI, CV RA SUJ and CV RA SUK, Castor Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said units;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the units so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoirs as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 194-H-4, effective April 5, 2005 Driscoll Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

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In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated December 19, 2005 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 9, 2005. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests for a conference were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD.**

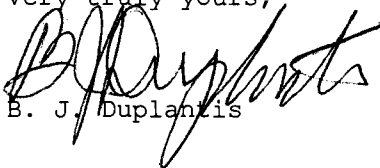
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the CV RA SUA, CV RA SUB, CV RA SUC, CV RA SUD, CV RA SUE, CV RA SUF, CV RA SUG, CV RA SUH, CV RA SUI, CV RA SUJ and CV RA SUK, Castor Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed units can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. David Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

